

**DRAFT
MINUTES
STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

July 23, 2003
DIVISION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
333 WEST NYE LANE, ROOM 126
CARSON CITY, NV 89706-0857

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A.** The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. on Wednesday, July 23, 2003 by Chairman James Settelmeyer. Self-introductions of those present as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

James Settelmeyer, Gardnerville
Keith Whipple, Hiko
Vance Vesco, Winnemucca
Sterling Wines, Ely
Patsy Tomera, Carlin
Judy Currier, Las Vegas
Don Henderson, Nevada Department of Agriculture

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Rangesan Narayanan, UNR, College of Agriculture

OTHERS PRESENT

Pamela B. Wilcox, Administrator, Nevada Division of State Lands
Sandi Gotta, Nevada Division of Conservation Districts
Kelly McGowan, Nevada Division of Conservation Districts
Chris Freeman, Nevada Association of Conservation Districts
Ana J. Jimenez, Nevada Division of Conservation Districts

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 30, 2003

Don Henderson made a motion to table the minutes from the June 30, 2003 meeting. Vance Vesco seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. FINAL APPROVAL OF ALL CONSERVATION DISTRICT BUDGETS AS PER NAC 548.090, 548.100, 548-110 & 548.120

- A. The commission reviewed the six Conservation District Budget Reports that were tabled from the previous meeting:
 - a. **Clover Valley** – Keith Whipple motioned to accept their annual budget. Vance Vesco seconded. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.
 - b. **Dayton Valley** – Keith Whipple motioned to accept their annual budget. Don Henderson seconded. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.
 - c. **Northeast Elko** – Keith Whipple motioned to accept their annual budget. Vance seconded. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.
 - d. **Stillwater** – Judy Currier motioned to accept their annual budget. Vance Vesco seconded. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.
 - e. **Tonopah** – Judy Currier motioned to accept their annual budget. Patsy Tomera seconded. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.
 - f. **Vya** – Judy Currier motioned to accept their annual budget. Keith Whipple seconded. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.
 - g. **Washoe Storey** – Patsy Tomera motioned to accept their annual budget. Keith Whipple seconded. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

V. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ALL CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S DRAFT FINANCIAL REPORTS FY 2003 AS PER NAC 548.090 AND NAC 548.110

- A. Judy Currier motioned to approve the draft financial reports for FY 2002-03, for all Districts except Ruby Valley. The motion included tabling approval of Ruby Valley's draft financial report for further clarification. Keith Whipple seconded. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING: DETERMINATION OF DISTRICT STANDING AS PER NRS 548.178 AND AS PER NAC 548.110 AND 548.120

- A. Comments in districts draft financial reports
 - a. None
- B. District/Public Comments
 - a. None
- C. Commission action on districts in "Good Standing".
 - a. Keith Whipple made the motion to declare all Districts in "Good Standing" except for Ruby Valley until further clarification is received. Vance Vesco seconded. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

VII. EQUALLY AWARD GRANT MONEY TO DISTRICTS THAT HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS ELIGIBLE AS PER NRS 548.178 AND 548.130

- A. Keith Whipple made a motion to award the grant money to all the Districts, except Ruby Valley. Vance Vesco seconded. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. James Settelmeyer reminded everyone that all District's final Financial Reports and Annual Reports are due by September 30, 2003.

IX. CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Ms. Wilcox announced that on July 21, 2003 Ana J. Jimenez joined the Nevada Division of Conservation Districts as the administrative assistant.
- B. Chris Freeman checked on the technical assistance funds that were mentioned in the last commission meeting, technical support funds will be available to districts to hire employees via NRCS funding, through the TSP (Technical Service Provider Program). John Capurro will have more information pertaining to what needs to be done as far as amending local agreements with NRCS within the next week.
- C. Chris Freeman also mentioned that he spoke with Dick Mieldazis, his medical condition has worsened, but he enjoys hearing from people. If anyone would like to call him, his telephone number is (925) 930-9110. His address is 2045 Reliez Valley Road Lafayette, California 94549-9110.

X. COMMISSIONER ITEMS – Commissioners Comments and Report

None.

XI. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING

- A. The next commission meeting will be on November 4, 2003 at 6:00 pm and on November 6, 2003 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. In Virginia City.
- B. Items discussed for the next agenda; Judy Currier asked about the status of new commission members. Ms. Wilcox responded that the applications were in the Governor's office at this point. Judy asked that the election of officers be added to the agenda for the next commission meeting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Keith Whipple motioned to adjourn the meeting. Vance Vesco seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ana J. Jimenez
Administrative Assistant II